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1. As of 7 July 1953 the 17th Infantry Regiment from the Odorhei Garrison was moved into the Timisoara area. The regimental trucks followed with the baggage.
2. The commander of the regiment is Col Ior Targhioiu; the adjutant is Major Traian Angheluta; the political officer is Capt Adrian Negoiasa. The regiment is divided into three battalions, a heavy machine gun company, an artillery section, and a "specialist" section.
3. The battalions are divided into three rifle companies each, each company consisting of a company troop and three rifle platoons. The platoons have a command troop and three rifle platoons. The platoons have a command troop and three rifle squads. Each company has in the company troop two officers, eight men; the rifle platoons have one officer, 38 men; the command troop has one officer, six men.
4. The machine gun company has two heavy machine gun platoons, each with one officer, 39 men, and a mortar platoon of one officer, 37 men.
5. The artillery section has three platoons (one to operate with each battalion), each platoon having two 76.2mm accompanying guns.
6. The specialist section consists of a communications and scouting platoon of two officers, 42 men; an AA platoon of one officer, 28 men; an engineer platoon,

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two officers, 38 men; a quartermaster platoon, one officer, 29 men; a staff platoon, 17 men; a medical platoon, one officer, 26 men; a section for political propaganda, one officer, 14 men.

7. The company troop has four Simonov auto-rifles, 4 carbines, 2 pistols. The rifle platoons have one heavy machine gun, one auto-rifle, and in the rifle squads either an auto-rifle or a light machine gun, with 11 rifles. In the machine gun company each machine gun platoon has four heavy machine guns and a light machine gun; the mortar platoon has four 50 mm mortars and four 82 mm. The AA platoon has eight AA machine guns. The engineer platoon has eight ROKS-2 flame throwers.
8. The men belong to the classes 1932 to 1934. Shoulder boards are decorated in red.
9. At present the regimental staff, machine gun company and special section are in Remetea-Mare, 13 km east of Timisoara. The 1st and 2nd battalions are in Mognița, 9 km east of Timisoara, and the 3rd Battalion in Bacovăț, about 11 km east of Timisoara. The artillery section is split up in platoons attached to the battalions.

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